IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.BASANT

THURSDAY, THE 26TH JULY 2007 / 4TH SRAVANA 1929

Bail Appl..No. 4521 of 2007()

CRIME NO.34/07 OF ARYANAD EXCISE RANGE PENDING BEFORE J.F.C.M-I, NEDUMANGAD

: PETITIONER/ACCUSED

RAMACHANDRAN @ BHUVANAN,
S/O.CHELLAPPAN, THADATHARIKATHUVEEDU,
AITHY, KOTTAKKAKOM, ARYANAD VILLAGE,
NEDUMANGAD TALUK.

BY ADV. SRI.A.RAJASIMHAN

RESPONDENTS: COMPLAINANT

THE EXCISE INSPECTOR, ARYANAD,
REPRESENTED BY THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KERALA, ERNAKULAM.

BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR SRI.JAI GEORGE

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 26/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY PASSED THE FOLLOWING:

R.BASANT, J

B.A.No.4521 of 2007

Dated this the 26th day of July, 2007

ORDER

Application for regular bail. The petitioner faces allegations under the Kerala Abkari Act. He was allegedly found to be in possession of 20 litres of arrack on 14.06.07. He was arrested and continues in custody from that date. The learned Public Prosecutor submits that the petitioner is already an accused in a crime registered under the Kerala Abkari Act.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner prays, the learned Public Prosecutor does not oppose the said prayer on condition that the Investigator may be granted some further time to complete the investigation and I am satisfied that the petitioner can be granted regular bail subject to appropriate conditions.

3. In the result, this application is allowed. The petitioner shall be released on bail on the following terms and conditions.

i) The petitioner shall not be released on the strength of this order prior to 02.08.2007. The Investigators shall in the meantime make every endeavour to complete the investigation.

ii) The petitioner shall execute a bond for Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) with two solvent sureties each for the like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate;

iii) The petitioner shall make himself available for interrogation before the Investigating Officer between 10 a.m and 12 noon on all Mondays and Fridays for a period of two months from the date of his release and thereafter as and when directed by the Investigating Officer in writing to do so.

(R.BASANT, JUDGE)

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